To Steering Committee

Louise Martin elected

Mrs. Louise Martin, member of the Board of Public Welfare for Appomattox County, was recently elected to the membership of the steering committee of the fifth congressional district welfare board members and directors task force.

The Fifth District Coalition of Representatives formed in January, 1981 advocates a maximum degree of flexibility in the local delivery of human services in response to the true needs of the community. On the premise that "government that is the closest to the citizen is best." A spokesman for the group says, "let's get back to the basics."

The mission of reducing the number of people on welfare rolls by creating opportunities for self fulfillment rather than discouraging individual initiative and independence focuses on emphasizing the individual's responsibility, strengthening work requirements, limiting eligibility for public assistance to those most in need and placing public assistance clients on a program for temporary financial assistance - "Not to become a way of life but a temporary supplement."

The task force's recommendation for more restrictive food stamp regulations were presented to top administrators with the Department of Agriculture. Of the twenty recommendations presented, ten have been enacted.

Also, serving on the committee is Mrs. Virginia M. Babcock, Director, Appomattox Department of Social Services.

The task force at their meeting in South Boston on June 29 will consider additional recommendations for reduction of: waste, duplication, and repetition in the human service delivery system. Piggy-backing on the proposal to make the social service delivery system less costly and more responsive to local need is the proposal to block grant social service funds to localities so that funding may more adequately serve the truly needy, the handicapped, and the elderly persons in the specific localities.

Babcock, says it is gratifying to work with the Fifth District Task Force, welfare oriented service deliverers who respect the dignity and worth of the individual's right to be a self-supporting, contributing member of society. "Let us hope that the more than 2 million dollar cash and/or transfer cash grants coming into Appomattox County, including the quarter million ADC grants, half million medicaid and food stamp transfer grants and a quarter million fuel and housing grants will be used to supplement those people who are truly needy."

ERICA HARRIS, age 2, daughter of Kirk and Linda Harris of Gladstone, won "Miss Jamboree Queen 1982" honors and was third runnerup in the photogenic contest of the pageant, which was held recently in Lynchburg. Erica is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford (Doc) Harris, also of Lynchburg.

James Baxter receives award

James E. Baxter, II, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baxter of Appomattox, was recently awarded the "J. Sydnor Mitchell Accounting Award." This is an award that is presented by the Richmond based accounting firm, Mitchell Wiegine and Company to the outstanding rising senior accounting student at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Jimmy was presented the award at the Beta Alpha Psi (the National Accounting Fraternity) Spring Banquet, at which time he was also initiated as the new vice president.

In addition to these honors, Baxter was named to the Dean's List this semester at VCU, and received a scholarship of $900 from the National Society of Public Accountants for the 1982-1983 academic year.

Letter to the editor

Writer feels track meet lacking

Letter To The Editor

On May 15, I was in attendance at the Region III Track meet as a parent and spectator at Jefferson Forest High School. I felt that some type of medical aid should have been available at a meet of this size which is run during the hottest part of the day.

I am sorry the District judges did not see the need for this. I was also at the Seminole District track meet last Thursday, May 6, there was no medical aid then either I feel the principals of the school should require this at meets where there are a large number of people.

There is medical aid at football games, why not track meets such as these when the temperature was as hot as it was today.

Thank you for letting me share this. I hope the next time there will be some type of medical aid.

Mrs. Gaye O. Stevens
Appomattox

Obituaries

Georgia Gilbert Bryant

Mrs. Georgia Gilbert Bryant, 85, Route 4, died at 8:45 p.m. Thursday, June 24, in Camelot Nursing Home. She was the widow of Lucian Bryant.

She was born in Dryden, a daughter of the late Alfred and Rebecca Kelly Gilbert. She was a member of Green Hill Methodist Church, Lee County.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Sue G. Johnston, Appomattox and Mrs. Minnie Dean, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2:30 p.m. from Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. David Camden. Burial was at 10 a.m. Monday in Powell Family Cemetery in Dryden.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

William E. Coleman

William E. Coleman died June 19 at the Sleepy Hollow Nursing Home in Annandale, Va. His survivors include sisters, Mrs. Kathleen Collins of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Pauline Glenn of Leesburg, Fla., brothers Bascom Coleman of Orlando, Fla., and Frank Coleman of Hampton, Va.

Graveside services were held June 23 at Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

Curtis Eugene Richardson

Pamplin - Curtis Eugene Richardson, 68, Route 1, died Friday, June 25, in the Duke University Medical Center.

He was born in Appomattox County, a son of the late Thomas Ray Richardson and Witt Dickerson Richardson. He was a member and deacon of Rocks Baptist Church and a retired employee of Appalachian Electric Power Co., with 35 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Myrle Dinkins Richardson; a daughter, Nancy Dale Richardson, Boston, Mass.; a son, William Eugene Richardson, Windsor, Conn.; a sister, Mrs. Jessie R. Carwile, Appomattox; two brothers, S. Wiley Richardson, Lynchburg, and Thomas M. Richardson, Appomattox.

Funeral services were conducted at 5 p.m. Sunday at Rocks Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Walter Howard Roach

Walter Howard Roach, 63, of Lanham, Md., died Wednesday, June 22, in Veteran's Hospital, Washington, D.C. He was the husband of Betty McGown Roach.

Formerly of Charlotte County, he was a son of the late James W. and Susie Hamlett Roach.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Carolyn Miscioni and Shirley Schroth; one son, Walter H. Roach Jr., and one stepson, Arthur Johnson, all of Maryland; four sisters, Emma Nash, Allie Wayne and Linia Richey, all of Pamplin, and Ellie Parks of Forestville, Md.; two brothers, Martin Roach of Richmond and Frank Roach of New Market, and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday in Maryland.

Eakles Funeral Home, Harpers Ferry, W. Va. was in charge of arrangements.

Michael Conrad Weiss, Jr.

Michael Conrad Weiss, Jr., infant son of Michael C. Weiss and Judith Bruce Weiss, died Friday in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Weiss, Jr., Lynchburg; and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa C. Bruce, Jr., Bluefield.

Private graveside funeral services were held Monday in Spring Hill Cemetery.

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Appomattox Assembly council plans meeting

The Executive Council of the Appomattox County Assembly will meet Thursday night, July 1 at 7 p.m. in the Middle School Annex.

The Assembly has started issuing tickets for its annual rally. $500. will be awarded to the winners. Tickets may be obtained from members.

Bible & Daily Living

Slavery and brotherhood

By Dr. William L. Trimyer
ONESIMUS: SLAVERY AND BROTHERHOOD
Lesson for July 4, 1982
Bible Study Passage: Philemon 8-20
Introduction

The summers of my youth were spent on my grandparent's farm in North Carolina. The farming community in that region often depended upon migrant labor, particularly during harvest time.

Several miles from my grandparent's home there was a migrant camp. My memories of that place are all unpleasant. The migrant workers and their families were forced to live in deplorable conditions. The filth and stench of the camp life wasn't fit for dogs to live in, much less humans.

From my viewpoint, these migrant workers were nothing more than cheap slave labor. They had nothing and were paid almost as much. I always felt sorry for these people. To this day, I believe these migrant workers were abused and misused for the gain of the wealthy landowners.

When Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves and abolished slavery as a social institution, he could not have known that slavery would always exist in some form. There are many people today who are "slaves" to certain people and institutions. Freeing people from the shackles of bondage is an ongoing task for the church and our country.

A Very Personal Letter [Phil. 1-7]

The letter to Philemon is unique in that Paul writes to an individual and not to a church. Some have argued that the Philemon letter contains no theological or ethical teachings. I would disagree because this letter of Paul is an explicit example of grace and of an ethical problem that has plagued us for centuries.

The setting for this letter is a prison cell. Onesimus, a runaway slave is with Paul. During his stay in prison, Onesimus is converted to Christ through Paul's ministry. No doubt Paul and Onesimus discussed whether he should go back to his former master.

The decision was made for Onesimus to return and Paul would like to go with him. However, because of Paul's imprisonment, he was unable to accompany Onesimus back to his slavemaster. So, Paul decides to write a letter. Though the letter is very brief, it was composed with extraordinary care.

Introducing a New Convert [Phil. 8-20]

Paul's words to Philemon are a skillful and sensitive blending of grace and moral righteousness. We must remember that slavery was a prominent institution in both Old and New Testament times. Many have wondered why Jesus and Paul did not attack slavery. There are numerous reasons which help us understand their silence on the subject of slavery.

Slavery was a touchy subject in Paul's time just as busing has been in our time. In the ancient world, slavery was regarded as legitimate and necessary. Severe laws punished those who interfered with slave trade and slave owners. Because of this, it is not surprising that Jesus and Paul did not attack the institution of slavery.

In his letter, Paul does not attack or condemn slavery; he doesn't even tell Philemon to set Onesimus free. It was not unheard of then for a runaway slave to be killed by his owner. Paul comes at the issue of slavery in a more subtle manner.

The philosophy of the Christian faith made it inevitable that emancipation was bound to happen sooner or later. Christianity offered a new relationship between slaves and slavemasters. Being a Christian would naturally change the behavior of the slave and the thinking of the slavemaster. It was Paul's intention that Philemon would accept Onesimus back, not as a slave, but as a brother in Christ. The word "emancipation" may have been on the tip of his tongue, but Paul never utters it.

Slavery still exists. Slavery is living for self. Slavery is putting people in institutions and forgetting about them. Slavery is not allowing others the same rights we cherish. Slavery is putting all people into the same mold. Slavery is expecting others to think, behave, and do as we do. Slavery is standing in the way of another person's need to grow.

Dr. Trimyer is Chaplain at Burnham Hospital in Champaign, Illinois (WLYP).

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Church News

Churches join in Bible School

For the sixth year St. Anne's Episcopal and Our Lady of Peace Catholic Churches have shared their faith life in a joint Vacation Bible School. Last week, for the first time, the locaiton was different -- at Our Lady of Peace's new multi-purpose building on Highway 627 just off of Route 24. St. Anne's furnished most of the teachers and the 50 children who attended the 9 a.m. to 12 noon sessions. Our Lady of Peace had most of the teens to staff the nursery and physical education program.

The over-all coordinators from the two churches were Debbie Powell and Marcie Jones. The teachers were Lorraine Brennen, Wendy Gagneur, Barbara Carr, Evelyn Ford, Mary Lou Spiggle, Vickie Gunter, Pam Mays, Carol Bradley and Theresa Brochard. The art classes were conducted by Bette Steinkamp, Sonya Grimm and Cara Gagneur. The nursery required four young people to staff. Betty Grimm, Kristy Graf, Beth Alvis and Barbara Allen. The physical education sessions were organized by Norman Gagneur, Steve Graf, Alan Alvis, Roger Steinkamp and Tommy Hansen. The music and singing classes were conducted by Donna Coleman.

The Rev. Harmon Smith, pastor of St. Anne's and the Rev. Albert Pereira, pastor of Our Lady of Peace, were both in attendance at times, and were very pleased with the tradition that has developed in our community. The Catholic and Episcopal Bishops in the State of Virginia issued a joint letter recently calling for better understanding and cooperation between these sister churches at the grass roots. The Appomattox congregations have been doing their part for some time now.

Graham film slated

The Billy Graham film, "A Time to Run," will be shown at Yellow Branch Baptist Church, Sunday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m.

This is a film about which Billy Graham said, "I feel that thousands of people will see a part of themselves in the film. Hopefully, families seeing it will be brought together in real understanding and communication. I urge you to take your children . . . or your parents."

There will be no admission charge to the film at Yellow Branch Baptist Church.

Revival services set

Revival services will be held at Providence Baptist Church in Red House July 11-14 at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

Guest speaker for the revival will be the Rev. Phil Howell, minister of the Phenix United Methodist Charge.

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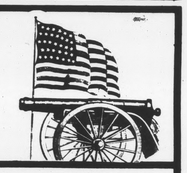

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